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## **Chairman Price Statement on Tom Daschle Withdrawing HHS Nomination**

**Washington, D.C.** – Republican Study Committee Chairman Tom Price (R-GA) issued the following statement upon the decision by former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle to withdraw his nomination for Secretary of Health and Human Services.

“Today’s action provides a glimmer of hope for patient-centered health care in America,” said Rep. Price. “While the fact that he failed to pay his taxes is completely unacceptable, the greater danger of Mr. Daschle’s nomination was his intent to create a national government-run health care system that would threaten the ability of patients and doctors to make independent medical decisions. I call on President Obama to exercise greater deliberation in choosing his next nominee for this critical post. It is essential that the next Secretary of Health and Human Services holds a meaningful respect for personal, private, quality health care.”

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